

LIFE HERE SIMPLE

Progress Has Not Touched
Cetinje, Montenegrin City.

EXISTENCE A SEVERE ONE

Scanty Soil Hardly Grows Enough
to Sustain Life.

WISE PRINCE ON THRONE

Lives in Unpretentious Style and
Joins in the Amusements of
His People.

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CETINJE, Montenegro, April 29, 1910.
You would be surprised at the appearance of Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, which is unlike any other European town I have ever seen and so different from what I expected to see. It reminds me strongly of the little interior cities of Mexico and South America. Most of the houses are of one story, built solidly along a sidewalk paved with cobble stones, and usually surrounding a court similar to the Spanish "patio" upon which the rooms open.

All the houses are built with heavy walls of stone and roofed with red tiles, and where the owners can afford it, the street side has been covered with stucco. Occasionally a two-story building breaks the monotony and is evidence of wealth and prosperity, although most of them are occupied by the foreign legations or used as offices by the government. There is quite a diplomatic colony, and several handsome houses surrounded by gardens are occupied by the representatives of the great powers. They cannot have any business here, because Montenegro has no business of her own, and reside here in obedience to a clause in the treaty of Berlin of 1878, which was adopted at a time when things needed watching.

Russian Legation Pretentious.

The Russians have the most pretentious legation, which is perfectly natural, because Montenegro is under the immediate protection of the czar. The people are of the same race and religion as those of Russia. The Austrians are building an even more magnificent house than the Russians, and have two or three acres of ground around it. The French government has recently completed an ornate building with a mansard roof, broken with dormer windows, and the outside walls are decorated with bright colored tiles. The Italians also have a handsome legation, which is also natural, because the King of Italy found his lovely wife among these desolate mountains.

Mr. Beaumont, the representative of his Britannic majesty, kindly looks after whatever interests the United States government may have in this strange place. We have never had a legation here, and there isn't the slightest reason why we should ever have one, although our minister to Greece is accredited to Montenegro also. Mr. Moses is expected here very soon to make his annual visitation, and will come again in August to participate in the silver jubilee of Prince Nicholas, who mounted the simple throne in 1811.

No American Residents.

There are no Americans residing in this country, and we have no business here and no commerce. It is the only country on earth that I ever discovered that is not illuminated by the Standard Oil Company. There is no gas or electric light, either, and the material as well as the intellectual darkness is dispelled only by tallow candles, so I asked the landlord of the hotel to send us a lamp. Wagging his head in a melancholy manner, he replied that the oil was so poor and expensive that they seldom use it, and besides it smoked up the ceilings of the rooms, and had such a bad odor people did not like it.

Two or three streets at least sixty or seventy-five feet wide, running parallel and a dozen or more narrower streets crossing at right angles make up the little town of Cetinje. The roadways are well paved with macadam and are kept scrupulously clean. Men in the native costume were everywhere. Everybody walks in the middle of the street, which is perfectly safe to do, because there isn't a carriage in the town. Except those which carry passengers to and from Cattaro, and they arrive and depart at fixed hours of the day. There is one automobile, which belongs to Prince Danilo, the heir apparent, and several public motor cars for freight and passengers, which I described in my letter yesterday.

Rides in a Pony Cart.

Danilo dashes out into the country for a spin over the crooked roads, but the ruling prince, his revered father, ride around in a little pony chaise drawn by a diminutive animal like that Queen Victoria used to use in her garden at Osborne and in the park at Balmoral. The pony is led by a page, and the prince sits back in the cushions and talks to every body he meets and to the people in a condescending and fatherly manner. The women come out of their houses to kiss the hem of his cloak, and the little children worship him as if he were a deity. In the eyes of these simple people he is the author of all the good that they enjoy, the protector of their lives and homes, their guardian and benefactor every sense.

The sidewalks are never used, because they are laid with small stones set in cement, usually with the sharp ends up. The government offices are humble. The palace, which looks like a Dutch burgher's residence, now undergoing repairs, could see that it is a square structure about fifty feet each way, with a high tiled roof, and large windows sheltered with white shutters. Meantime the prince is living in a little chocolate-colored house, in which his second son, Prince Mirko, resides. He is at home. The ministry occupies another Dutch-looking structure, almost the counterpart of the palace. A large building of stone is now being erected for the use of the government offices, and will be, excepting the barracks, the largest in town.

Two Thousand Soldiers.

The barracks is a three-story building painted yellow which looks as if it could accommodate the entire population. There is a large parade ground in front of it

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THE HEIGHT OF TREES.

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From the Field.
A tree 100 feet high, accurately measured, is not as tall as it looks. There are not many trees in the gardens and parks of this country that exceed 100 feet, notwithstanding the records of reputedly much higher trees than this. We have been told that the highest tree in Kew gardens carefully measured with a tape was 102 feet and that the tallest pine, a Corsican near the entrance, is eighty-six feet.

There are some fine specimens of Atlas and Lebanon cedars in these gardens, but not one of them is seventy feet high. A larch that had been drawn up by surrounding beeches and was looked upon as a giant was blown down in 1902 and it proved to be 110 feet long. Beech, among

the tallest of our trees, rarely reaches 100 feet, though Dr. Henry measured one at Kilkenny in 1904 which was 117 feet. The famous deciduous cypress, Tardub distichum, in Syon Park, Brentford, is, according to Mr. Elwes, 110 feet high, the tallest of its kind in Europe.

The same authority gives 105 feet as the height of the tallest horse chestnut he had seen, though there are others estimated to be even higher than this. The tallest walnut is from eighty to eighty-five feet, and the tallest black walnut, at Marble Hill, Twickenham, was ninety-eight feet high when measured by Dr. Henry in 1905. Oaks have been measured up to 130 feet, but they are quite exceptional, 100 feet being above the average for our tallest oaks.

The height of trees is influenced by the company they grow in. For example, a larch growing in the open would most likely fail to reach 100 feet in height, whereas larches growing close together or pressed upward by other trees have been known to exceed 130 feet in this country. The California giant trees of the wellingtonia owe their great height to the same

influence. Not even in that country would this tree have grown to 300 feet or more if it had not been forced to grow upward because it could not grow outward.

According to Mr. Elwes, one of the tallest wellingtonias in this country is at Fonthill Abbey, which in 1906 measured "certainly over 100 feet and probably 105 feet high." This is at least ten feet higher than the tallest at Strathfield, where there are, we know, ingenious contrivances for doing it otherwise, but they are not reliable. Of course the approximate height may be near enough and yet be a long way out.

How Comets Are Found.
From the American Review of Reviews.
New comets are usually discovered by an astronomer after careful and diligent search with a telescope of low power. Such a quest demands an almost infinite

amount of patience in nightly scanning the heavens up and down in the hope of detecting a stranger in our midst. So close a watch is kept that seldom does an intruder escape the eager eyes of the sentries and attack the knotty, as happens with the first comet of the year 1910.

Comet A, 1910 eluded all eyes till it became visible to the naked eye, as happened with the first comet of the year 1910. Sometimes a comet is accidentally found on a photographic plate exposure taken for some other purpose, such as one being the Morehouse comet of 1908. If the comet is not a new one, but the return of one already known, it is possible to direct the telescope to the point in the sky where it is expected, and a long exposure photograph may detect it. Halley's comet was discovered September 11, 1909, on a photograph taken for the purpose by Prof. Max Wolf of Germany. At the time the comet was very faint and looked exactly like a very small star.

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